

The Intelligence

Office No. 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street.

The immortal thirteen are still there, Brother Camden.

A Maine miser worth \$75,000 has died of starvation. He was saving fat to take with him in his chest.

Today's balloting in the two Houses of the Legislature will resemble a go-as-you-please, but it won't please everybody.

There is a suspicious amount of money about in Wheeling just now. Somebody is trying to carry this election with money and whisky.

The little formality of balloting for United States Senator begins at Charleston. It will be interesting but it will not be immediately effective.

"COMMONS" STRENGTH would have received more votes if he had been the sort of southern sympathizer who backed his party with bullets.

There is going to be a good deal of voting for the best man this time. That is the way to force each party to offer to the people the best material.

NOTWITHSTANDING the weak places in the new Gilbert and Sullivan opera, a critic is able to say that it contains "a great deal of contrapuntal writing." It is a great satisfaction to know that.

CONCERNING that promised European war—we shall have to wait and see. There are some questions about the ocean that never will be settled by diplomacy. Sooner or later they must be fought out.

There is no chance whatever for a third ticket this time. The nominees of one or the other of the old parties will be chosen. Do the moral man of Wheeling prefer Sabin and Porter Smith to Davenport and Bennett? This is the practical question.

At great cost the INTELLIGENCER is able to present with its compliments a facsimile of one of the most important political documents ever laid before the people of West Virginia. The publication of this document will make the enemy's hair stand on end.

On Thursday next the voters of Wheeling will have an opportunity to say whom they will have to serve them in the city government. This is everybody's business, and everybody ought to take interest enough in it to go to the polls, put in his own vote and induce his neighbor to do the same thing. The men who do not take the trouble to vote can with very bad grace complain of bad government.

There will be increasing popular interest in the fate of the railroad pass bill now before the House of Delegates. Members of the Legislature are paid mileage, public officers are paid for their public services, and in the name of all that is just and respectable what claim to a pass has a delegate to a political convention?

The greatest scandal of the whole bad system is that judges ride on passes. The Governor says he is advised that the judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals do not use railroad passes, but pay as they go. The INTELLIGENCER hopes that this is true, but it is informed that Judge Green is the only member of that court that does not use passes.

EASY TO GET CHARTERS.

A remarkable number of companies incorporated in Tennessee.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Jan. 24.—The past few weeks have been remarkable in Tennessee for developments in all portions of the State. The records of the Secretary of State's office show that twelve railroad charters have been granted within five weeks, as follows: Tennessee Central, from Brydston, N. C., to Tennessee points; Knoxville and Nashville; Tennessee and North Carolina, from East Tennessee to Memphis, N. C.; Bristol and South Atlantic, from Bristol eastwardly; Baltimore, Nashville and Memphis, from Bristol to Memphis; Chattanooga and Southern, from Chattanooga to Columbus, Ga.; Cumberland Valley and Unaka, from the Cumberland river to the North Carolina line; Memphis and Nashville, from Memphis to Nashville; Cincinnati & Birmingham, from Chattanooga to Birmingham, Ala.; Missouri, Tennessee & Georgia; Tennessee, Middle and South; and Savannah, from Savannah to Jacksonville.

Charters have also been granted to four large street railway corporations, to mineral companies, four marble companies, one oil company, eleven large manufacturing corporations, and many smaller ones. Thirty-nine manufacturing companies have applied for charters but have not yet received them.

The "Healy Combination" at Fairmont. Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Jan. 24.—The Frank Healy boxing combination gave an exhibition here to-night. The performance was largely attended and gave the greatest satisfaction. This was not only because it was the first entertainment of the kind ever given in this town, but because of the great skill of the fighters. The sparring of Mr. "Jack" King and "Billie" Jack was noticeably fine. Messrs. Frank Coughlin and "Jimmy" Curry, middle-weight, gave a splendid five-round exhibition that elicited the applause of the crowd, and none was worth the price of admission.

Fire at Charleston. Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 24.—The Kanawha Laundry Co., located in North Charleston, burned last night with an adjoining stable. A horse was burned to death. It was the property of Julius G. Grey, and was not insured. The loss, which was \$2,000, exclusive of the goods in the building, is a small frame.

No Wonder She's Nearly Crazy.

On City, Pa., Jan. 24.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon four children of H. L. Rose, of Fern City, who looked up in the house were burned to a crisp by the house catching fire. The origin is unknown. The mother is nearly crazed with grief.

Drowned with Help on Non.

BAINSBURG, N. J., Jan. 24.—The life-saving men and fishermen on the beach discovered two yawl boats off the shore to-day near Seaside Park. One attempted to land and capsize, drowning two of the crew, Walter Boddin and William Dalton. The others were saved more dead than alive. The discovered yawl belonged to a pilot boat sunk off Barnegat in a heavy gale this morning.

FIRST BALLOT TO-DAY

ON THE U. S. SENATORSHIP.

No Change in the Situation.—The "Reckless" Thirteen? Rumors are Abound.—Prominent Visitors at the Capital.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 24.—To-morrow the separate ballot in the two Houses will be taken for United States Senator. There is literally nothing in the situation that has not been canvassed time and time again.

The ballot to-morrow will be a mere matter of form. The thirty-seven caucus Democrats will each answer Camden when their names are called. The thirteen "republicans" will scatter among the other candidates, and the Republicans will vote for Republicans. So far there is no way discernable out of the threatened deadlock. The only feeling now is one of anxiety. Rumors fly thick and fast, and a tremendous pressure is brought to bear on any of the outcasts who are even suspected of being open to conviction.

Letters have been pouring in by the score on various ones of the thirteen, begging, persuading, warning, promising anything to get a vote for Camden. But all this was discounted in advance. The independent claim that the Republicans and the thirteen are firm Catholics will gradually lose votes and finally be withdrawn.

When asked as to the truth of this Camden's supporters clench their teeth and say, never.

It is reported that Camden's supporters had sent to Braxton for delegate Byron's father and brother was recalled this evening when the latter arrived. Byron will stick with the thirteen. W. S. F.

PERSONAL NOTES.

About Prominent Visitors at the Capital.

Legislative Gossip.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 24.—James F. McCreery, of Blackston, arrived this evening. John Osborne and A. S. Johnson, of Union, John A. Preston and R. F. Dennis, of Lewisburg, and M. H. Holt, of Westport, are among those arriving to-day.

Hon. W. P. Hubbard returned from Staunton to-day and will go home in the morning. Mrs. Alderson joined Major Alderson here to-day.

John Moore Russell, banker of Huntington, is here.

Senator Camden, Governor Wilson and Mrs. Wilson have been frequent visitors in the halls of the two Houses lately.

Jim Mason and Hon. B. A. Byrne appeared before the Senate Finance Committee to-day. The committee is now considering a bill for the payment of a tax bill something like Mr. Mason's famous one of last session. Prominent members who were asked as to the probable fate of the measure, say, "No foolishness this time."

The joint special committee to investigate the conduct of the late Governor, by choosing Senator Brown as chairman, and adjourned till Tuesday. So far no charges have been filed. Business is piling up for Tuesday—the first ballot in the two Houses for Senator, the debate in the Senate on the bill to amend the charter of the State, and the bill to amend the charter of the State.

The House bill to levy a State school tax of 20 cents was rejected in accordance with the report of the committee; also the bill to levy a tax of 5 mills on the dollar for interest improvements.

J. M. Delany, of the Baltimore & Annapolis firm, is here.

Will B. McMechen, of Wheeling, is here on a philanthropic mission—to furnish good things for the legislators.

Editor N. K. Estlin, of Morgantown, is at the Hotel Raleigh.

H. H. Bendleton and F. P. Jepson were visitors at the State House to-day.

John W. Harris, of Lewisburg, came in last night.

Judge McLean came up from Putnam this evening and a whole picnic party of earnesters arrived on the Kanawha & Ohio train, which was over an hour late. Among them were J. B. Neal, T. O. Bullock, O. B. Smith, C. S. Despard, L. B. McKen and George W. Thompson, who has been absent from his post of duty for some time.

Mrs. Rowan and her daughter arrived this evening and will spend the remainder of the session with the head of the House.

Field's ministers put everybody in a good humor for to-morrow. The people stood on each other in their anxiety to see and hear.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Yesterday's Proceedings of Both Houses.

Important Measures Introduced.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligence.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 23.—On Saturday in the Senate Mr. McCreery, from the Finance Committee, reported adversely on the bill to require assessors to ascertain at some fixed period in each year, the amount of money in the State.

Mr. Somerville presented Senate bill 101, to amend the charter of the town of Wheeling. The reference of the bill was dispensed with.

Mr. Switzer introduced Senate bill 102, to relieve certain corporations of the forfeiture of their charters; and 103, to amend the general corporation laws.

Mr. Scott presented Senate bill 104, providing for obtaining and publishing reports of banks, saving institutions and trust companies organized under the laws of this State.

A large number of petitions were presented asking the submission of the prohibition amendment. Mr. Dawson gave notice that he would on Monday move an amendment to the rules requiring all resolutions to lie over one day after being presented.

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